

<b>Vocational Rehabilitation Transition Counselor</b>		<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 6901-10-I2
		<b>Division:</b> Disability Services Division
		<b>Program:</b> VR Counselor
<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department of Health and Human Services	
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**Program or Project Description:**

Vocational rehabilitation Program (VR) - VR helps people with disabilities get jobs and live independently in the community. Rehabilitation counselors and blind/low vision specialists in eleven field offices across the state work directly with consumers to provide individual services. VR serves people with any disability---orthopedic, mental, visual, hearing, brain injury, and any other disability that affects a person's ability to work. VR provides services including counseling, career training, adaptive equipment, transportation, medical services, orientation and mobility services for people who are blind, and job placement. In addition to VR work services, the program also provides extended employment and independent living services.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source					
Fund Name:	2008		2009		Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of August 29, 2008
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended	
General Fund	55,283	55,283	51,884	5,987	
State Special					
Federal Funds					
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$55,283</b>	<b>\$55,283</b>	<b>\$51,884</b>	<b>\$5,987</b>	

**Legislative Goal(s):**

DP10026 – VR Transition Counselor - The legislature approved \$107,167 general fund over the biennium to support 1.00 FTE for a vocational rehabilitation counselor to improve outcomes for young adults with disabilities, emphasizing the transition from high school to adult life.

**Legislative Performance Measures :**

This is a new initiative so there is no base number.

1. 70 transition-aged consumers will be served over the 2009 biennium.
2. 40 plans for employment will be written over the 2009 biennium.
3. 18 of these people will be placed in jobs over the 2009 biennium.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
1	By October 2007, hire the transition counselor.	10/31/2007	11/1/2007
2	By January 31, 2008, establish office hours in each of the two Missoula high schools.	1/31/2008	1/22/2008
3	By June 30, 2008, write plans for employment for transitioning students	6/30/2008	6/30/2008
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**Performance Report:**

For this project, a "Transitions Student" is defined as an individual attending one of the Missoula High Schools (Hellgate, Sentinel, Big Sky, or Willard) who made application and received services from the Missoula VR agency between July 1, 2007 and now.

As of September 5, 2008:

- 78 Transitions Students were served
- Of those served, 42 wrote individual plans of employment (IPEs)
- Of those under IPEs, 15 have been employed.

**LFD Narrative:**

DATA ASSESSMENT: On Track

DATA RELEVANCE: Yes

APPROPRIATION STATUS: – Provided

COMMENTS/ISSUES: None

OPTIONS: Upgrade or downgrade the rating.



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Change Description
Added LFD Narrative
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